Price Control of Diphenhydramine Range Formulations

1592. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 9th March, 1990 captioned "Steps soon to recover dues from drug firms";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have taken a decision to include all those drugs under price control which do not fulfil any exclusion principles which are quite clear;

(c) whether it is a fact that Diphenhydramine, Methdilazine Hcl, Phenylbutazone, Oxyphenylbutazone, Norethisterone, Glybenclamide, Norgesterol, Ethinyl Estradiol, Phenformin Hcl and Avaforten do not fulfil any of the five principles as laid down by Kelkar Committee;

(d) what is the specific exculsion criteria under which each of these drugs were excluded and whether his Ministry have examined the same after the decision referred to above was taken; and

(e) what is the decision in respect to each drug and by when these drugs would be included?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have constituted a Standing Committee to review all matters relating to DPCO, 1987 including representations received for exculsion/inclusion of certain drugs in Scheduled Categories.

(c) and (d) The inculsion/exculsion of drug in Scheduled Categories under DPCO 1987 is based on the recommendations made by Kelkar Committee in its Main as well as Supplementary Report, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Findings of the Review Committee on overcharges by drug companies

1593. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the findings of Special Team appointed to work out the amount overcharged by drug/companies for recovery contained in the report is being reviewed;

(b) since when this review is in progress and what is the result of this review;

(c) what are the names and designation of the officers concerned for such review and what is the professional and legal competency of each;

(d) what is the terms of reference of this review Committee and by when their findings would be available; and

(e) what are the names of the Drug Companies and the names of drugs where due amount is being reviewed and what is the amount which the team worked out in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Special Team have made assessments of the amount due in respect of drug companies involved in Supreme Court case.

(b) to (e) The entire matter is under review and is being examined afresh.

सीमेंट उद्योग में संकट

1594. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अधिकारियों में सीमेंट उद्योग की कार्यशैली से संकट का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ;

(ख) क्या सीमेंट उद्योग ने इस संबंध में कुछ आरोप लगाए हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि फरवरी 1990 के दौरान सीमेंट के मूल्य में न्यूनतम तेजी आई थी ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त स्थिति क्या है और सरकार द्वारा सीमेंट उद्योग को इस संकट से छुटकारा दिलाने के लिए तथा सस्ते मूल्य की मांग करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गए हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह) : (क) और (ख) उत्पादन की लागत में वृद्धि हो जाने, मांग में कमी आने